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Why Voting Matters

At its core, voting is the cornerstone of democracy. It's a mechanism through which we, as citizens, actively participate in the decision making process. Here are some key reasons why voting matters:

Representation: By casting your vote you contribute to the selection of leaders who will represent your interests and values in government. ,

Accountability: Voting allows us to hold elected officials accountable for their actions and decisions. It's a way to voice approval or dissatisfaction with their performance.

Policy Shaping: Your vote directly influences the development of policies on issues that affect your daily life, from education and healthcare to the economy and environment .

Community Engagement: Voting fosters a sense of community and shared responsibility, as it brings people together to collectively decide on the direction of their society.

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Candidates that support our cause



This November 7th is Election Day. For those of you who live in, or are new to Washington, this is a vote-by-mail state. The website <https://www.vote411.org/washington> is a great site that provides all of your voter information including how to register to vote for new residents. This site also provides links to other states for those who live outside of Washington.

We all have different political beliefs, and nobody should tell someone else how to vote, but one thing stands strong.... we all want to propel our professions, and our workplace rights. Supporting candidates that support our professions, our unions, and who are “pro-labor” is essential. If you would like information on what candidates are endorsed and/or supported by the Washington State Labor Council, you can visit: <https://www.wslc.org/union-members-only-election-information/>

You may not have received your voters guide via mail, but they can all be accessed online. Select your county to view local candidates at: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/data-research/election-results-and-voters-pamphlets/2023-primary-election-voters-guide>

In the end, the most important thing is that you exercise your right to vote.

If you have any questions about the process, current events, or any of the candidates, please reach out to your Council 19 Government Affairs Chairperson, Melinda Jorge at melinda.jorge@afaalaska.org or any member of the [Council 19 Government Affairs Committee](#).

